appearing before a Collector or Court by a next friend, or by a guardian for the case, in proceedings under this Act; and

(*iv*) no person "entitled to act" shall be competent to receive the compensation-money payable to the person for whom he is entitled to act, unless he would have been competent to alienate the land upon the use and enjoyment of which restrictions are to be imposed and receive and give a good discharge for the purchase-money on a voluntary sale.

PART II.

IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS.

Declaration and notice that the restrictions will be imposed.

3. (*1*) Whenever it appears to the Local Government that it is necessary to impose restrictions upon the use and enjoyment of land in the vicinity of any work of defence or of any site intended to be used or to be acquired for any such work, in order that such land may be kept free from buildings and other obstructions, a declaration shall be made to that effect under the signature of a Secretary to such Government or of some officer duly authorized to certify its orders.

(*2*) The said declaration shall be published in the local official Gazette and shall state the district or other territorial division in which the land is situate and the place where a sketch plan of the land, which shall be prepared on a scale not smaller than six inches to the mile and shall distinguish the boundaries referred to in section 7, may be inspected; and the Collector shall cause public notice of the substance of the said declaration to be given at convenient places in the locality.

(*3*) The said declaration shall be conclusive proof that it is necessary to keep the land free from buildings and other obstructions.

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Power to do preliminary acts after publication of notice under section 3, sub-section (*2*).

4. It shall be lawful for such officer as the Local Government may, by general or special order, authorize in this behalf, and for his servants and workmen, at any time after publication of the notice mentioned in section 3, sub-section (*2*), to enter upon and survey and take levels of any land in such locality, to dig or bore into the sub-soil, to do all other acts necessary to ascertain whether any and, if so, what restrictions should be imposed on the use and enjoyment of the land, to set out the boundaries of the land upon the use and enjoyment of which restrictions are to be imposed, or of any part of such land, to mark such levels, boundaries and line by placing marks and cutting trenches, and, where otherwise the survey cannot be completed and the levels taken and the boundaries and line marked, to cut down and clear away any part of any standing crop, fence or jungle:

Provided that no person shall enter into any building or upon any enclosed court or garden attached to a dwelling-house (unless with the consent of the occupier thereof) without previously giving such occupier at least seven days' notice in writing of his intention to do so.

Payment for damage.

5. The officer so authorized shall at the time of such entry pay or tender payment for all necessary damage to be done as aforesaid, and, in case of dispute as to the sufficiency of the amount so paid or tendered, he shall at once refer the dispute to the decision of the Collector or other chief revenue-officer of the district, and such decision shall be final.

Further powers exerciseable after publication of notice under section 3, sub-section (*2*).

6. (*1*) Whenever a declaration has been made and public notice thereof has been given under section 3, it shall, subject to the provisions of sub-sections (*2*) to (*4*), be lawful for such officer as the Local Government may, by general or special order, authorize in this behalf, and for his servants and workmen, to enter and demolish any buildings or other constructions on the surface, to cut down or grub up all or any

any of the trees, to remove or alter all or any of the banks, fences, hedges and ditches, to make underground and other drains, to fill up all excavations, and demolish all buildings and other constructions below the surface, and generally to level and clear the said land and do all such acts for levelling and clearing the same as he may deem necessary or proper, but in such manner nevertheless that evidence of the boundaries of the lands held by different owners may be preserved.

(*2*) The powers conferred by sub-section (*1*) shall not be exercised,—

(*a*) save as otherwise provided by sub-section (*3*), before the making of the award hereinafter referred to in section 12, nor

(*b*) save as otherwise provided by sub-section (*4*), after the expiration of six months from the making of the said award, or any shorter period on the expiration of which the officer exercising such powers gives notice to the Collector that there will be no further exercise of them.

(*3*) In case of emergency, the Local Government, with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council, may, by notification in the local official Gazette, declare that all or any powers conferred by sub-section (*1*) may be exercised at any time within six months after the publication of the notice referred to in section 5, sub-section (*2*), and such powers may be exercised accordingly and the said notification shall be conclusive proof of emergency.

(*4*) Nothing in sub-section (*2*) shall be deemed to preclude any such officer or his servants or workmen from exercising at any time the said powers for the purpose of removing, wholly or in part, any building or other obstruction maintained, created, added to, altered, planted, stacked, stored or otherwise accumulated in contravention of this Act or of any rule

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or order made thereunder or of any condition prescribed in accordance therewith.

Restrictions.

7. From and after the publication of the notice mentioned in section 3, sub-section (*2*), such of the following restrictions as the Local Government may in its discretion declare therein shall attach with reference to such land, namely:—

(*a*) Within an outer boundary which, except so far as is otherwise provided in section 39, sub-section (*4*), may extend to a distance of two thousand yards from the crest of the outer parapet of the work,—

(*i*) no variation shall be made in the ground-level, and no building, wall, bank or other construction above the ground shall be maintained, erected, added to or altered otherwise than with the written approval of the General Officer of the Command, and on such conditions as he may prescribe;

(*ii*) no wood, earth, stone, brick, gravel, sand or other material shall be stacked, stored or otherwise accumulated:

Provided that, with the written approval of the General Officer Commanding the District and on such conditions as he may prescribe, road-ballast, manure and agricultural produce may be exempted from the prohibition:

Provided, also, that any person having control of the land as owner, lessee or occupier shall be bound forthwith to remove such road-ballast, manure or agricultural produce, without compensation, on the requisition of the Commanding Officer;

(*iii*) no surveying operation shall be conducted otherwise than by or under the personal supervision of a public servant duly authorized in this behalf, in the case of land

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under the control of military authority, by the Commanding Officer and, in other cases, by the Collector with the concurrence of the Commanding Officer; and

(*iv*) where any building, wall, bank or other construction above the ground has been permitted under clause (*i*) of this sub-section to be maintained, erected, added to or altered, repairs shall not, without the written approval of the General Officer of the Command, be made with materials different in kind from those employed in the original building, wall, bank or other construction.

(*b*) Within a second boundary which may extend to a distance of one thousand yards from the crest of the outer parapet of the work, the restrictions enumerated in clause (*a*) shall apply with the following additional limitations, namely:—

(*i*) no building, wall, bank or other construction of permanent materials above the ground shall be maintained or erected:

Provided that, with the written approval of the General Officer of the Command and on such conditions as he may prescribe, huts, fences and other constructions of wood or other materials, easily destroyed or removed, may be maintained, erected, added to or altered:

Provided, also, that any person having control of the land as owner, lessee or occupier shall be bound forthwith to destroy or remove such huts, fences or other constructions, without compensation, upon an order in writing signed by the General Officer Commanding the District; and

(*ii*) live hedges, rows or clumps of trees or orchards shall not be maintained, planted, added to or altered otherwise than with the written

written approval of the General Officer of the Command and on such conditions as he may prescribe.

(*c*) Within a third boundary which may extend to a distance of five hundred yards from the crest of the outer parapet of the work, the restrictions enumerated in clauses (*a*) and (*b*) shall apply with the following additional limitation, namely :—

no building or other construction on the surface, and no excavation, building or other construction below the surface, shall be maintained or erected :

Provided that, with the written approval of the Commanding Officer and on such conditions as he may prescribe, open railings and dry brushwood fences may be exempted from this prohibition.

Land to be marked out, measured, registered and planned.

8. As soon as may be, after the publication of the declaration aforesaid, the Collector shall cause the land to be marked out and measured, and shall also prepare a register and a detailed plan, which shall be on a scale not smaller than six inches to the mile, showing accurately every building, tree and other obstruction.

Notice to persons interested.

9. (*1*) At any time before the expiration of—

(*a*) the period of eighteen months from the publication of the declaration referred to in section 3, or

(*b*) such other period not exceeding three years from the said publication as the Local Government, with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council, may, by notification in the local official Gazette, direct in this behalf,

the Collector shall cause public notice to be given at convenient places on or near the land, stating the effect of the said declaration and that claims to compensation for all interests in such land affected by anything

anything done or ordered in pursuance of such declaration may be made to him:

Provided that, where anything has been done in exercise of the powers conferred, in case of emergency, by section 6, sub-section (*5*), the notice prescribed by this section shall be given as soon as may be thereafter.

(*2*) Such notice shall state the particulars of any damage ordered to be done or, in the case referred to in section 6, sub-section (*3*), done in exercise of any of the powers conferred by the said section, and the particulars of any restrictions attaching to the land under section 7, and shall require all persons interested in the land to appear personally or by agent before the Collector at a time and place therein mentioned (such time not being earlier than fifteen days after the date of publication of the notice) and to state the nature of their respective interests in the land and the amount and particulars of their claims to compensation for damage to such interests and their objections (if any) to the measurements made under section 8. The Collector may in any case require such statement to be made in writing and signed by the party or his agent.

(*3*) The Collector shall also serve notice to the same effect on the occupier (if any) of such land and on all such persons known or believed to be interested therein, or to be entitled to act for persons so interested, as reside or have agents authorized to receive service on their behalf, within the revenue-district in which the land is situate.

(*4*) In case any person so interested resides elsewhere, and has no such agent, the notice shall be sent to him by post in a letter addressed to him at his last known residence, address or place of business.

Power to require and enforce the making of statements as to names and interests.

10. The Collector may also require any such person to make or deliver to him, at a time and place mentioned (such time not being earlier than fifteen days after the date of the requisition), a statement containing,

containing, so far as may be practicable, the name of every other person possessing any interest in the land or any part thereof as co-proprietor, sub-proprietor, mortgagee, tenant or otherwise, and of the nature of such interest, and of the rents and profits (if any) received or receivable on account thereof for three years next preceding the date of the statement.

Application of certain sections of the Indian Penal Code.

11. Every person required to make or deliver a statement under section 9 or section 10 shall be deemed to be legally bound to do so within the meaning of sections 175 and 176 of the Indian Penal Code.

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Inquiry and award by Collector.

12. On the day fixed under section 9 or on any other day to which the inquiry has been adjourned, the Collector shall proceed to inquire into the objections (if any) which any person interested has stated pursuant to a notice given under the said section to the measurements made under section 8, and into the decrease in the value of the land, and into the respective interests of the persons claiming the compensation, and shall make an award under his hand of—

(*a*) the true area of the land and the nature of the obstructions from which the land is to be kept free;

(*b*) the compensation which in his opinion should be allowed for any damage caused or to be caused under section 6 and for any restrictions imposed under section 7; and

(*c*) the apportionment of the said compensation among all the persons known or believed to be interested in the land, of whom or of whose claims he has information, whether they have respectively appeared before him or not.

Award of Collector when to be final.

13. (*1*) Such award shall be filed in the Collector's office and shall, except as hereinafter provided, be final and conclusive evidence, as between the Collector and the persons interested, whether they have respectively

respectively appeared before the Collector or not, of the true area of the land, the nature of the said obstructions from which the land is to be kept free, the damage caused or to be caused under section 6, the value of the rights restricted under section 7, and the apportionment of the compensation among the persons interested.

(*2*) The Collector shall give immediate notice of his award to such of the persons interested as are not present personally or by their representatives when the award is made.

Adjournment of inquiry.

14. The Collector may, for any cause he thinks fit, from time to time adjourn the inquiry to a day to be fixed by him.

Power to summon and enforce attendance of witnesses and production of documents.

15. For the purpose of inquiries under this Act the Collector shall have power to summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses, including the parties interested or any of them, and to compel the production of documents, by the same means, and (so far as may be) in the same manner, as is provided in the case of a Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure. XIV of 188

Matters to be considered and neglected.

16. In determining the amount of compensation, the Collector shall be guided by the provisions contained in sections 23 and 24.

Supplementary proceedings.

17. Whenever the officer exercising powers conferred by section 6 considers it necessary that anything in respect of which any person is or may be entitled to compensation but of which no notice has been given or compensation awarded, under sections 9 and 12, respectively, should be done in pursuance of the said powers, the Collector shall cause supplementary notice to be given, as nearly as may be, in the manner prescribed by section 9 and subject to the limit of time imposed by sub-section (*1*) of that section, and the provisions of sections 10 to 16 shall, so far as they are applicable, be deemed to apply to any further inquiry

inquiry and award which may be held or made in consequence of such supplementary notice.

PART III.

Reference to Court and Procedure thereon.

Reference to Court.

18. (*1*) Any person interested who has not accepted the award may, by written application to the Collector, require that the matter be referred by the Collector for the determination of the Court, whether his objection be to the measurement of the land, the amount of the compensation, the persons to whom it is payable, or the apportionment of the compensation among the persons interested:

Provided that every such application shall be made,—

(*a*) if the person making it was present or represented before the Collector at the time when he made his award, within six weeks from the date of the Collector's award;

(*b*) in other cases, within six weeks of the receipt of the notice from the Collector under section 13, sub-section (*2*), or within six months from the date of the Collector's award, whichever period shall first expire.

(*2*) The application shall state the grounds on which objection to the award is taken.

Collector's statement to the Court.

19. (*1*) In making the reference the Collector shall state, for the information of the Court, in writing under his hand,—

(*a*) the situation and extent of the land with particulars of any damage caused under section 6 or of restrictions imposed under section 7;

(*b*) the names of the persons whom he has reason to think interested in such land;

(*c*) the